

Quantum Computing at DLR-SC

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A large, curved image of the Earth from space, showing the blue oceans, white clouds, and green landmasses of Europe and Africa. The text "Knowledge for Tomorrow" is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Knowledge for Tomorrow

Content

- Introduction to Quantum Computers
- Quantum Computing at DLR-SC
 - Quantum Annealing
 - Gate-based Quantum Algorithms for Near-Term Devices



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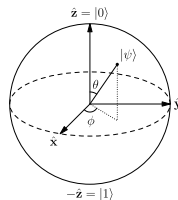


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$$\Rightarrow |\psi\rangle = \sin\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |0\rangle + e^{i\phi} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) |1\rangle$$



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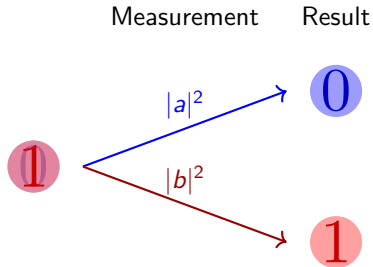
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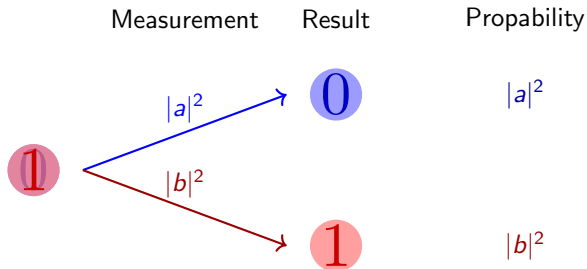
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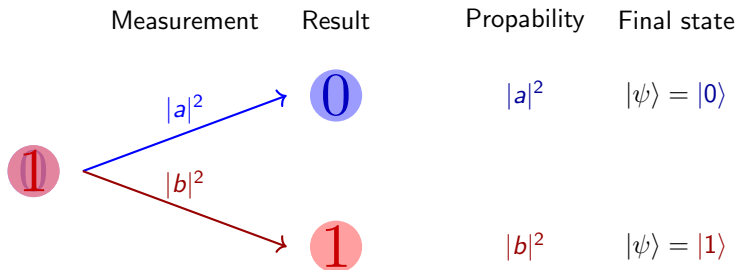
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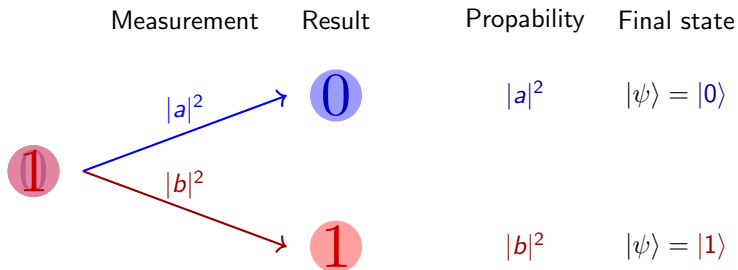
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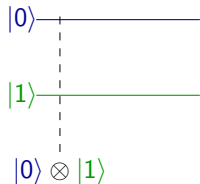


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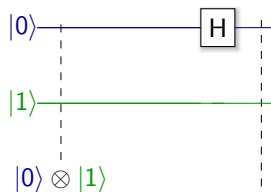
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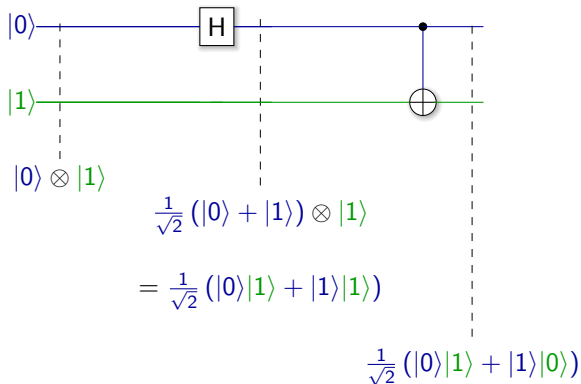
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \otimes |1\rangle$$

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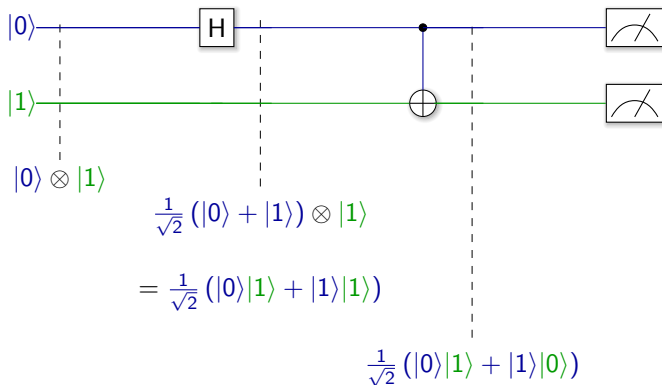
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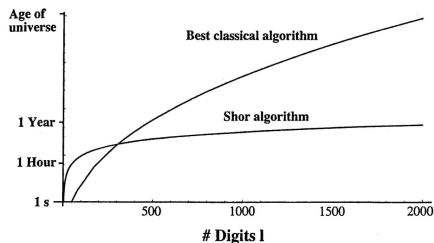
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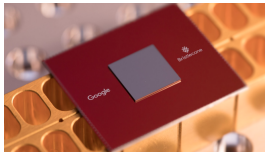


Near-Term Quantum Computers

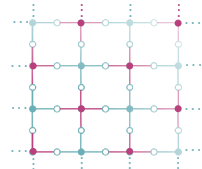
- Recent hardware development up to 72 qubits
- Hardware restrictions (fidelity, noise, feasible gates, etc.)
- “Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum Computers”
- Compare to early supercomputers. How to employ their power for something useful?



IBM Q



Google Bristlecone Chip



Rigetti Chip Architecture

Near-Term Quantum Algorithms

Question

What can we do with “Noisy Intermediate-Scale Quantum Computers” in the near future?

Answer

- Use Algorithms with no proven speedup
- Use Algorithms which do not require quantum error correction
- Note: Most of the current codes run on a supercomputer have not theoretically proven speedup

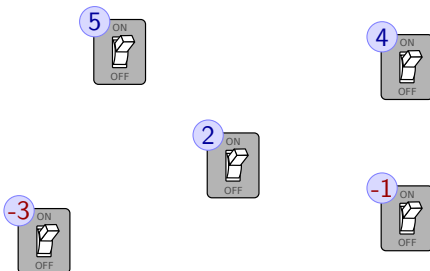


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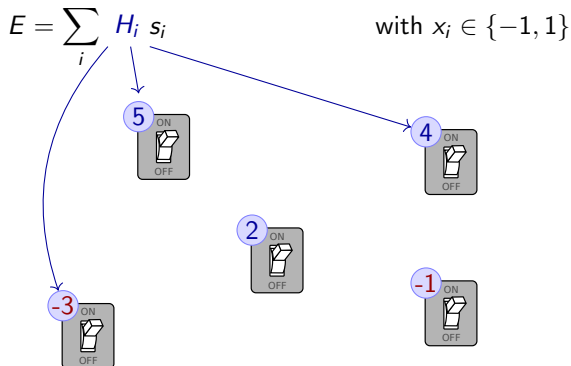
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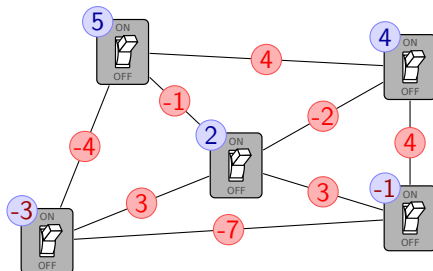
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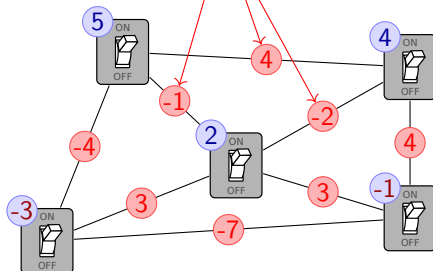
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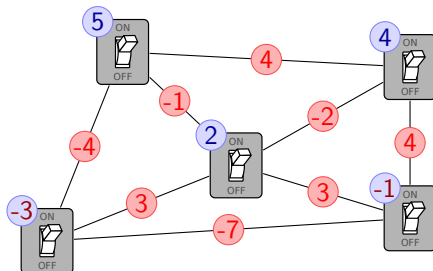
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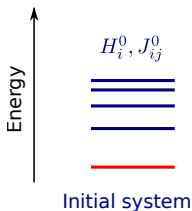
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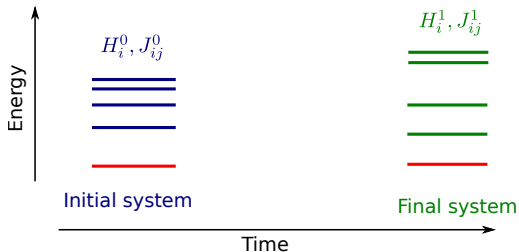
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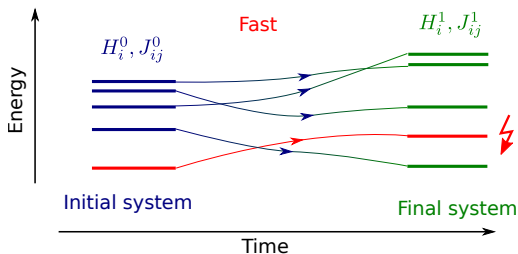
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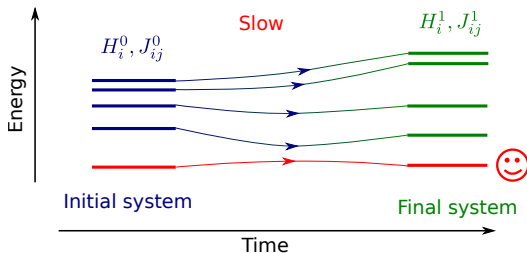
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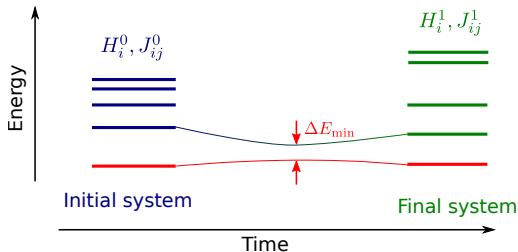
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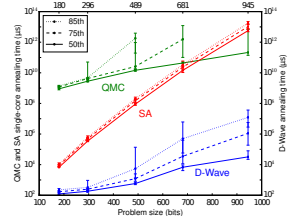
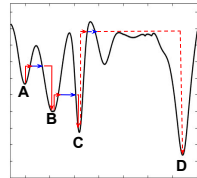
Runtime of Quantum Annealers

There are indications for a supremacy over classical methods

- Problems with **tall** and **narrow** barriers
- Quantum tunneling

Open questions:

- Is there quantum supremacy for real-world problems?
- What about scaling?

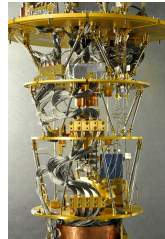
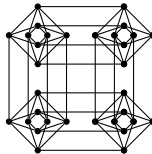


Denchev et. al., Google, arXiv:1512.02206



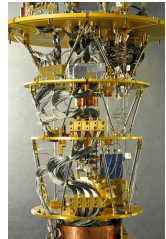
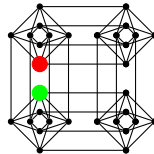
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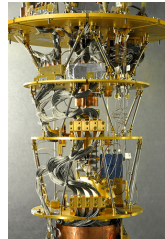
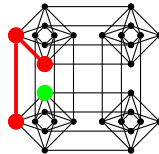
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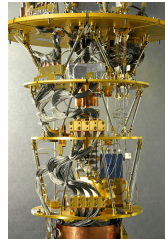
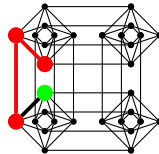
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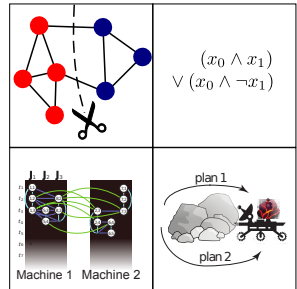


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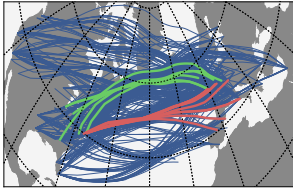
Which problems can be mapped to QUBO?

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- All NP-Complete Problems. E.g.
 - Graph Partitioning
 - Satisfiability Problems
- Planning
 - Job-Shop Scheduling
 - Mars-Lander Operations
- Machine Learning



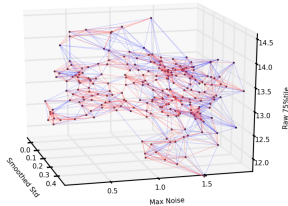
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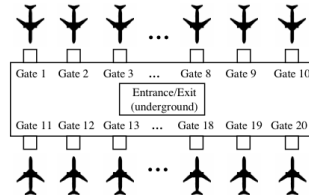
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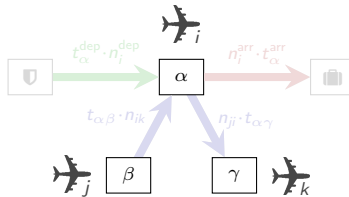


Telemetry Verification



Flight Gate Assignment

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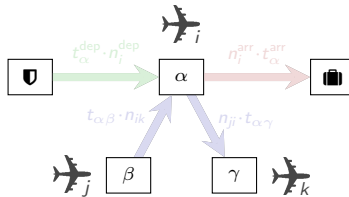
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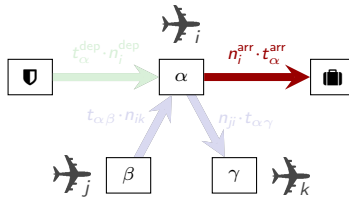
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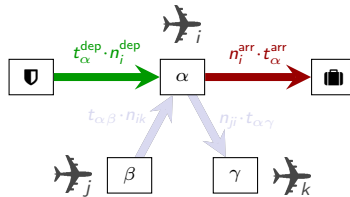
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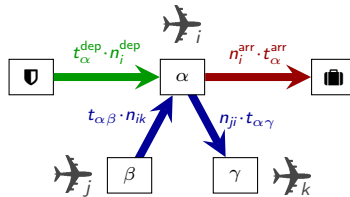
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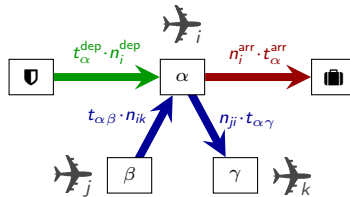
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Hybrid Quantum-Classical Algorithms

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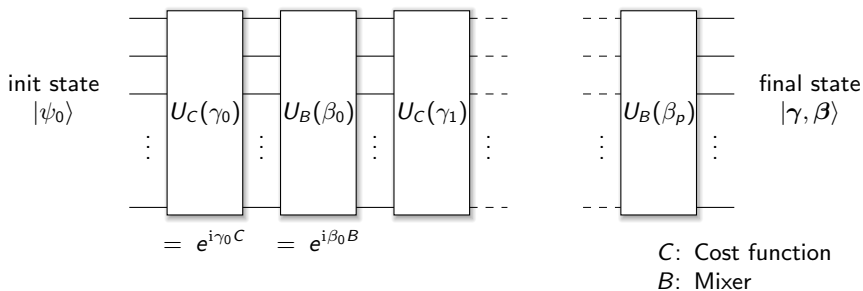
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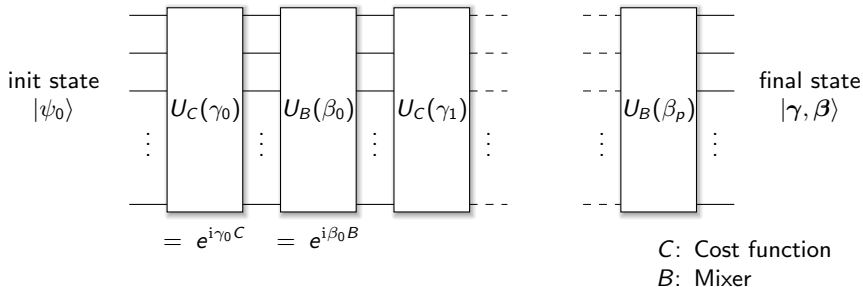
- Prepare parametrized state $|\gamma\rangle$ on gate based quantum computer
- Calculate expectation value $\langle \gamma | C | \gamma \rangle$
- Optimize parameters γ with classical optimization



Quantum Approximate Optimization Algorithm



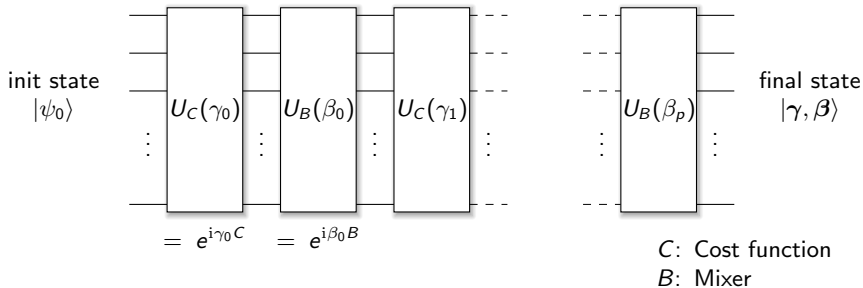
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Optimize classically



QAOA for Constraint Optimization

Find suitable mixer B

- That keeps valid states valid
- That explores the whole space

Example:

$$\sum_{i\alpha} x_{i\alpha} = 1$$

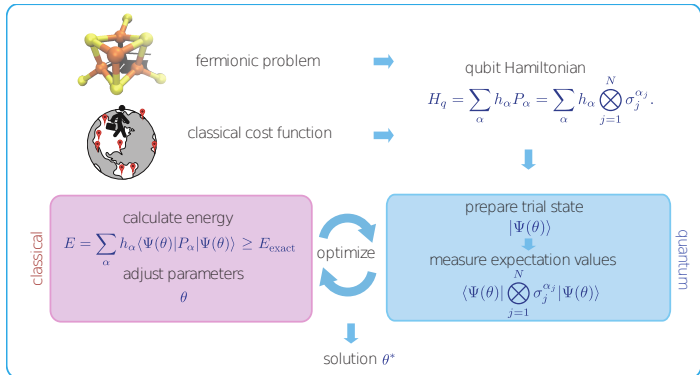
Use SWAP mixer:

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{array}$$



Quantum Chemistry - Variational Quantum Eigensolver

- Calculate ground state of molecules



Moll et.al. arXiv:1710.01022



HHL Algorithm for Radar Cross Section

HHL Algorithm

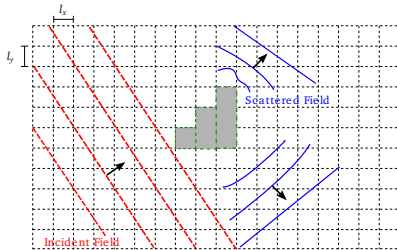
- Harrow, Hassidim, Lloyd (2008, arXiv:0811.3171)
- Solves $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ in $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ instead of $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$

Fine Print

- A must be sparse
- A must be well conditioned
- Solution \mathbf{x} is encoded in state $|x\rangle = \sum_i x_i |i\rangle$
- Needs quantum error correction



HHL Algorithm for Radar Cross Section



Clader et.al. arXiv:1301.2340

- FEM calculation for stationary scattering problem
- Scattering cross section is of the form

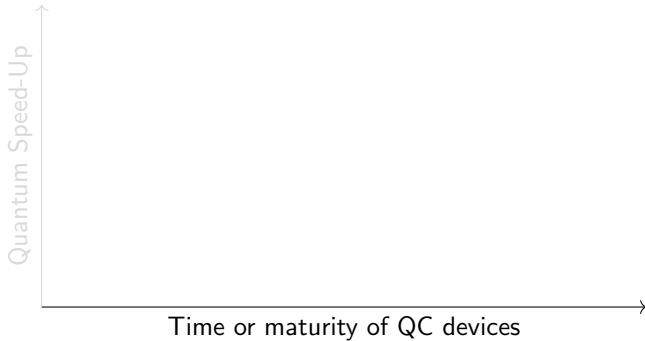
$$S \sim |\mathbf{R} \cdot \mathbf{x}|^2 = |\langle \mathbf{R} | \mathbf{x} \rangle|^2$$

Resource Analysis

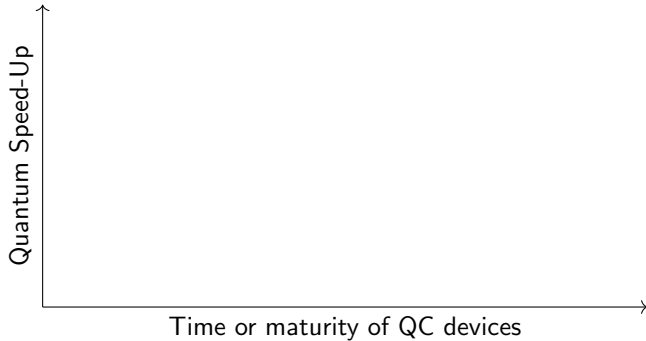
- Matrix oracle on QC
- Implement matrix oracale on classical reversible circuits
- Estimate resources on QC



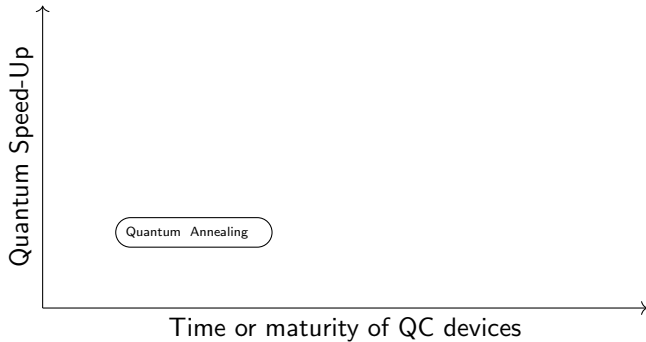
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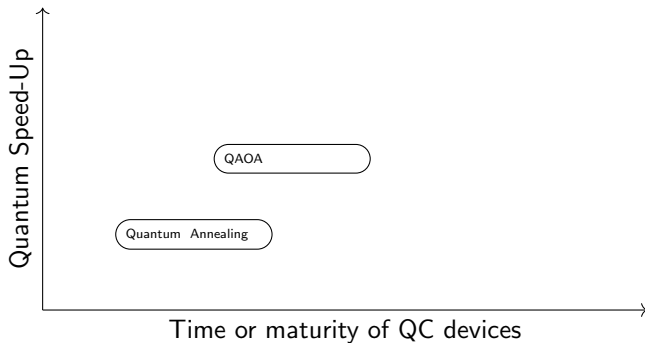
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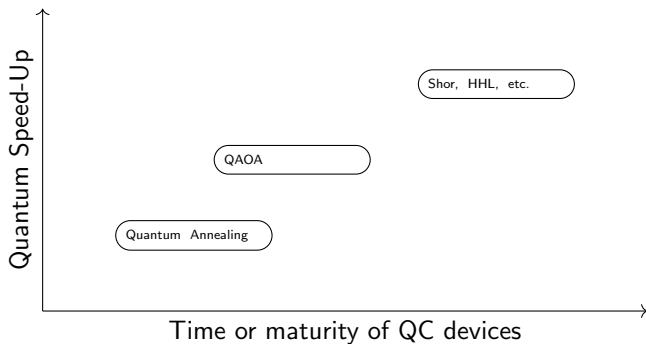
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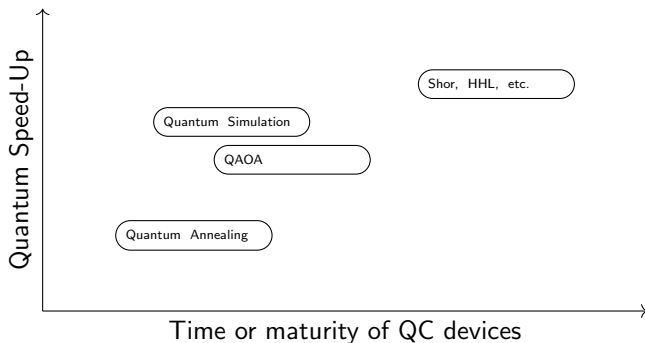
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